

LAKEWOOD - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-39) yesterday was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives for the 109th Congress. That event marks the beginning of Sánchez' second term in office representing the 39th District of California.

"It was an honor to serve the people of my district during my first term. I view it as an even greater honor that they would return me to Congress to continue serving them. There's a lot of work to be done," said Sánchez.

Sánchez is a strong advocate for California's working families. She is committed to reducing crime, making schools safe, providing quality education and affordable health care, improving our economy by creating new opportunities, and decreasing unemployment.

During her first term in office, Sánchez brought over \$5 Million in federal funding back to the 39th district. This money provided a new learning center, clean air buses, after-school programs, helped fund the Gang Alternative Program, and provided trained officers to serve in schools.

"We've all worked so hard together as a community to improve our neighborhoods and our schools over the last two years. But I will not rest on our past accomplishments. I will continue to work in my committees to uphold the ideals I was sent here to represent," continued Sánchez.

Congresswoman Sanchez is the first Latina in history to serve on the Judiciary Committee, which considers civil and criminal judicial reform, civil liberties, constitutional amendments, and immigration and naturalization. Sánchez also serves on the Committee on Government Reform, which has oversight over all federal government activities and serves as the watchdog to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Additionally, she sits on the Small Business Committee where she works to support new and small businesses through open access to loans, credit, and capital.

As she prepares to jump in feet to her second term, Congresswoman Sánchez is committed to maintaining her extensive district outreach programs.

"What I do in Washington is only part of my job. I will still hold community events in California and make myself and my staff available to any constituent who needs my help," concluded Sánchez.

Constituents who need help with federal issues such as Social Security, Medicare and Veterans' affairs can contact her district office at (562)429-8499.